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SUBJECT: RUDOLF HESS: CARSTENS LETTER TO THE AMBASSADOR

REFS: (A) BONN 4265; (B) BONN 4047; (C) BONN 3899;
(D) USBER 598; (E) BONN 3545

BEGIN SUMMARY. ALLIED BONN GROUP REPS HAVE DRAFTED A
PROPOSED COMMON REPLY FOR RESPONDING TO KARL CARSTENS'
APPEAL FOR TRANSFER OF RUDOLF HESS TO A CIVILIAN HOSPITA.-
ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED REPLY AND
GUIDANCE ON HANDLING OF THE TELEGRAM FROM HESS' SON
TO THE PRESIDENT. END SUMMARY.

1. AS REPORTED IN PARA 12, REF (B), THE THREE ALLIED
AMBASSADORS (ALONG WITH THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR) IN BONN
HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM BUNDESTAG PRESIDENT CARSTENS
CONCERNING THE IMPRISONMENT OF RUDOLF HESS. IN HIS
LETTER, CARSTENS REPEATS HIS REQUEST THAT HESS SHOULD
BE RELEASED AND ALSO SUPPORTS THE POSITION OF HESS'
FAMILY THAT HE BE REMOVED FROM SPANDAU AND TAKEN TO A
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CIVILIAN HOSPITAL TO BE CARED FOR BY GERMAN DOCTORS.

2. ON MARCH 8, ALLIED BONN GROUP REPS MET TRIPARTITELY
TO DRAFT A COMMON REPLY TO THE CARSTENS LETTER. AD
REF AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON THE FOLLOWING TEXT,
WHICH WOULD BE SENT BY EACH OF THE THREE AMBASSADORS:

BEGIN TEXT

DEAR DR. CARSTENS:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 2.

AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE UNITED STATES HOLDS THE VIEW THAT RUDOLF HESS SHOULD BE RELEASED ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS. ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS SINCE 1964, WE, TOGETHER WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE, HAVE APPROACHED THE SOVIET UNION ON THE MATTER. ON EACH OCCASION, THE SOVIET RESPONSE HAS BEEN NEGATIVE.

IN REGARD TO HERR HESS' HEALTH, THE COMPETENT ALLIED AUTHORITIES DO NOT BELIEVE THAT HIS CONDITION REQUIRES REMOVAL FROM THE PRISON TO A HOSPITAL. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT, AS IN THE PAST, THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES WILL DO THEIR UTMOST TO ENSURE THAT HERR HESS CONTINUES TO RECEIVE PROPER MEDICAL CARE AT ALL TIMES.

END TEXT

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3. COMMENT: THERE ARE NOW THREE HESS-RELATED LETTERS

OR TELEGRAMS ON THE TABLE:

-- THE TELEGRAM FROM HESS' SON TO THE PRESIDENT
(REF E),

-- THE LETTER FROM FORMER SPANDAU COMMANDANT BIRD
TO THE PRESIDENT (REF B), AND

-- THE CARSTENS LETTER TO THE AMBASSADOR.

ALL THREE EMBASSIES ARE STILL AWAITING GUIDANCE ON
WHETHER THE TELEGRAMS FROM HESS' SON TO CHIEFS OF
STATE ARE TO BE ANSWERED IN CAPITALS OR REFERRED TO
EMBASSIES FOR REPLY, AS RECOMMENDED IN REF C. IT WAS
THEREFORE AGREED TO REFER THE PROPOSED REPLY TO
CARSTENS TO CAPITALS, TO ASSURE CONSISTENCY IN HANDLING
THE REQUEST IN BOTH THE HESS TELEGRAM AND IN THE
CARSTENS LETTER FOR TRANSFER OF RUDOLF HESS TO A
CIVILIAN HOSPITAL. IF A REPLY IS TO BE MADE TO THE
LETTER FROM COLONEL BIRD TO THE PRESIDENT, WE RECOMMEND
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THAT THAT ALSO COME FROM THE EMBASSY RATHER THAN FROM
WASHINGTON.

4. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED REPLY FROM THE
AMBASSADOR TO CARSTENS.

B. GUIDANCE ON HOW THE TELEGRAM TO THE
PRESIDENT FROM WOLF RUEDIGER HESS IS TO BE ANSWERED.

C. GUIDANCE ON HANDLING THE LETTER FROM COLONEL
BIRD TO THE PRESIDENT.
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